

'HOUNDED BY HALLS,' SAYS PIG WOMAN; 'I TOLD TRUTH AND AM READY TO DIE'

Mrs. Hall Ready To Swear That 'Pig Woman' Lied

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 19.—The prosecution in the Hall-Mills murder trial rested its case shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon, after Senator Simpson had withdrawn a razor, introduced as an exhibit earlier, on the ground that one of his own witnesses might be lying.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 19.—Before the Hall-Mills murder trial is many hours older, another woman will find herself the hub of the wheel of public interest.

Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, one of the three defendants, is going to take the stand and pass the lie to Mrs. Jane Gibson, who testified she saw the clergyman's wife and her brothers, Henry and Willie Stevens, on the Phillips farm the night the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills were killed.

But the appearance of the two

To Take Stand



MRS. EDWARD W. HALL

will present a strange contrast. Under the craftsmanship of Special Prosecutor Alexander Simpson, Mrs. Gibson was afforded all the properties of a first-class theatrical performance. There was an iron bed, sick room supplies and supers in the role of doctor and nurse.

Calm of manner, anxious to refute the accusations which came from the thin lips of the "pig woman," Mrs. Hall will attempt to impress the jury by her earnestness without resorting to any special dramatic setting.

Although she smiled as she listened to the testimony today, it is

known that she is smarting for a chance to deny the statements of Mrs. Gibson, and the belief is she may be the first witness called by the defense.

The prosecution spent the larger part of the day gathering in the loose ends of evidence which it believes sufficient to warrant conviction of Mrs. Hall and her brothers. Numerous witnesses were called, but failed to add anything to the proceedings in the way of color.

One, a private detective, gave the spectators a few moments of merriment when his mind played him false to such an extent that he could not remember whether he had ever been sent to jail.

Death Pellets Produced

It was this witness who produced a razor which Simpson asked be put in evidence. This is the weapon, the state alleges, that was used to slash the throat of Mrs. Mills, after three bullets had been sent crashing into her body. The death pellets were produced and introduced. So were pictures of them.

A sister of the dead minister was called and asked concerning the relations existing between her brother and Henry Stevens. She was excused when it was seen her testimony was of little or no benefit to the prosecution, and, walking over to Mrs. Hall, patted that defendant on the shoulder.

The entire sum of the prosecution's efforts today seemed to be confined to further testimony that Mrs. Hall bore a scratch on her face the day she attended her husband's funeral. Statements of a similar nature were made early in the trial by the man who drove the hearse.

Senator Simpson showed disappointment when he announced, just before he closed his case, that he had been unable to locate "Mrs. S." the mystery woman who wrote him that she had been an eyewitness to the murders. The state had hoped to spring this person as a surprise witness. Her home is believed to be in Brooklyn, but a careful combing of that borough failed to reveal any trace of her.

Hall's Sister Arrives

Mrs. Paul Bonner, Dr. Hall's sister, was the first of the Hall-Stevens clan to enter court this morning. A plump, middle-aged matron, she took a seat directly behind Mrs. Hall's chair.

The slain clergyman's sister has been subpoenaed by the state after a futile attempt to avoid the serving of the paper. Mrs. Bonner has ever expressed her belief in her sister-in-law's innocence.

The greeting between the two this morning was effusive and the jury looked impressed.

Court got under way twenty minutes late. Simpson brought with him a map of the murder scene, which the defense has requested since the trial began.

Maid Recalled

Barbara Tough, former maid in the Hall home, was recalled by the state.

Q. How long were you a maid in the Hall home? A. Until February, 1923.

Q. Where was Dr. Hall's razor kept? A. In a medicine chest in the bath room.

Q. Did you ever see the razor after the murder? A. I can't say that I did.

"You could not swear that you didn't?" asked Case. A. No.

It was with Dr. Hall's razor the state contends that his murderers slashed Mrs. Mills's throat. The state has in evidence a razor turned over to Senator Simpson by Frank Caprio, private detective, which Caprio says was the instrument used. Miss Tough, on the stand earlier in the trial, said the Caprio razor appeared shorter than the rector's.

Inspector John J. Underwood, Jersey City detective officer in

Accuses Halls



MRS. JANE GIBSON

charge of the investigation resulting in the trial, was the next witness. A big, hearty man, a kindly face radiating honesty, Underwood made a good impression on the stand.

Not only has he been in charge of the state's investigation, but he is Prosecutor Simpson's chief aid in the court room, addressing him continually in his examination of witnesses.

Underwood testified that he had

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Tried to Poison Stock and Burn Home, She Cries

"I have told the truth, and I am ready to die."

This was part of a statement made today from her cot in the City Hospital, Jersey City, by Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman," to Thomas J. Golden, secretary to Dr. George V. O'Hanlon, medical director of the hospital.

She requested that the statement be taken, according to hospital authorities. She asked that it be put on paper because she is conscious of the fact that she has not long to live.

Suffering From Cancer

It was learned from good authority today that recent examinations in the Jersey City Hospital revealed a cancer which may end her life within the next six months and almost certainly within a year.

An operation is impossible, it was said.

Mrs. Gibson's statement, which was signed by her, was as follows:

"I have told the truth. Now let

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